

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Art Unit 2626

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Exr. D. Abebe

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For: SAMPLING RATE CONVERSION APPARATUS, CODING APPARATUS,
DECODING APPARATUS AND METHODS THEREOF

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 28, 2006, the Examiner returned a copy of the PTO-1449 in which the M. OSHIKIRI "Pitch ni yoru..." reference was not initialed. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to initial and return a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of this reference. The reference in question was cited in the PCT International Search Report (ISR) dated January 11, 2005 and should be considered pursuant to MPEP 1893.03(g); for the Examiner's convenience, a PTO-1449, listing the reference, was loaded onto PAIR via EFS on January 15, 2010. It is noted that PAIR contains a copy of the cited reference, a copy of the IDS, and a copy of the ISR.

Respectfully submitted,

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